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**Federal Highway
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April 5, 2005

File: STP-0012(8)60E

Ms. Amy Heuslein
Environmental Protection Officer
Bureau of Indian Affairs–Western Regional Office
P.O. Box 10
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Subject: STP-0012(8)60E
SR 12, Escalante to Boulder
Garfield County, Utah
Request to be a Consulting Party

Dear Ms. Heuslein:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) are proposing to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) document to evaluate potential impacts generated by correction of roadway deficiencies between Escalante and Boulder, Garfield County, Utah (see enclosed map). The current right-of-way (ROW) corridor varies between 38 m (125 ft) to 46 m (150 ft) and 122 m (400 ft), and the area of potential effect (APE) is considered the entire ROW. The project encompasses UDOT right-of-way (ROW) easement in lands under the jurisdiction of the Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Dixie National Forest (FS), School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), and UDOT fee title.

In accordance with the regulations published by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR Part 800, the FHWA and the UDOT request that you review this information to determine if there are any historic properties of traditional religious and/or cultural importance that may be affected by this undertaking. If you feel that there are any historic properties that may be impacted, we request your notification as such and your participation as a consulting party during the development of the environmental document.

At your request, FHWA and UDOT staff will be available to meet with you to discuss any concerns you might have. Please be assured that we will maintain strict confidentiality about certain types of information regarding traditional religious and/or cultural historic properties that might be affected by this proposed undertaking. We would also appreciate any suggestions you might have about any other groups or individuals that we should contact regarding this project.

A response within 30 days would be appreciated should you have concerns about this project and/or wish to be a consulting party. Please feel free to contact me at 801-963-0073, extension 235 to answer any questions or provide any additional information.

Thank you for your attention to this project notification and any comments you may have.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Berna".

Jeffrey Berna
Environmental Specialist

Enclosures (1)

cc: Pamela Higgins, UDOT Region 4, NEPA/NHPA Specialist
Mr. Paul Shafiy, Natural Resources Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Project Description: SR-12, Escalante to Boulder

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THE PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH

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April 29, 2005

Jeffery Berna
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Utah Division
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84118-1847

Dear Mr Berna:

Project: SR-12, Escalante to Boulder

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah is in receipt of your letter dated April 5, 2005 and have reviewed the material and we are very much interested in consulting with you on the above named Project. The particular area that the proposed project is being considered for is lands that are part of the aboriginal Southern Paiute home lands.

At this time we are not aware of any archaeological resources in or near the proposed sites.

Please notify the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah of any cultural information that is found including type and location, also any updates or changes to the project.

Sincerely,

Dorena Martineau
Cultural Resources
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah



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January 9, 2007

Project: STP-0012(8)60E

Ms. Dorena Martineau
Cultural Resource Representative
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah
440 North Paiute Drive
Cedar City, Utah 84720

SUBJECT: SR-12 Improvements, Escalante to Boulder, Utah
Request to be a Consulting Party

Ms. Martineau:

Thank you for your letter of April 29, 2005 requesting status as a consulting party in regards to the SR-12 Improvements project between Escalante and Boulder, Utah. At the time you were initially notified, specific improvements had not been identified. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of those projects now identified and their corresponding areas (see enclosed map). Following is the list of proposed actions for detailed evaluation in the Environmental Assessment:

1. Obtain right-of-way where it is currently defined by RS-2477 (MP 68.9 to MP 83.1).
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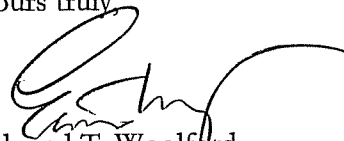
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As always, FHWA and UDOT staff will be available to meet with you to discuss any concerns you might have. Please be assured that we will maintain strict confidentiality about certain types of information regarding traditional religious and/or cultural historic properties that might be affected by this proposed undertaking. We would also appreciate any suggestions you might have about any other groups or individuals that we should contact regarding this project.

Should you have any concerns about this project and/or wish to be a consulting party a response within 30 days would be appreciated. If you require additional assistance or need further information, please contact me directly at (801) 963-0078, ext. 235.

Thank you for your attention to this project notification and any comments you may have.

Yours truly,

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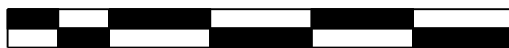
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Environmental / Right-of-Way Specialist

Enclosure(s):

cc: Laurel H. Glidden, UDOT Region 4, NEPA/NHPA Specialist

SR-12 ESCALANTE TO BOULDER

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January 17, 2007

Project: STP-0012(8)60E

Mr. Glenn Rogers
Shivwits Band, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah
370 North 400 West #2
St. George, Utah 84770

SUBJECT: SR-12, Escalante to Boulder, Garfield County, Utah
Request to be a Consulting Party

Dear Mr. Rogers,

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is in the process of developing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document that will assess impacts of potential improvements to SR-12 between Escalante and Boulder, Utah (see enclosed map). A letter was sent initially notifying your office of this project on April 5, 2005. At that time, specific improvements had not yet been identified. Following is the list of proposed actions for detailed evaluation in the Environmental Assessment:

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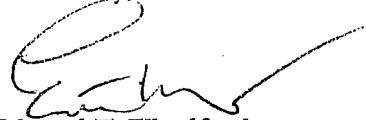
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Edward T. Woolford
Environmental / Right-of-Way Specialist

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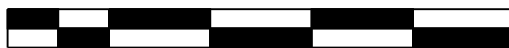
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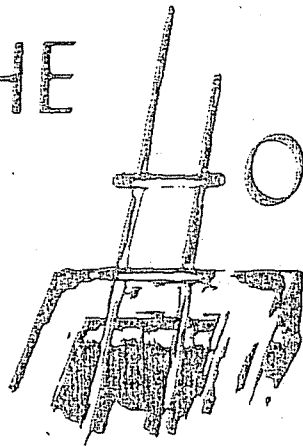
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January 30, 2007

Edward T. Woolford, Environmental / Right-of-Way Specialist
Federal Highway Administration, Utah Division
2520 West 4700 South, Ste. 9A
Salt Lake City, Utah 84118-1847

Re: Project # STP-0012(8)60E; SR 12, Escalante to Boulder, Garfield County

Dear Mr. Woolford,

Thank you for your correspondence dated January 17, 2007, regarding the Federal Highway Administration and Utah Department of Transportation developing an National Environmental Policy Act document that will assess impacts of potential improvements to SR-12 between Escalante and Boulder. As you know, the Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in Utah, and the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties.

This area contains many Hopi archaeological ancestral sites and Traditional Cultural Properties in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Anasazi State Park. Therefore, in response to your letter, we would like to be kept informed of this proposal and provided with copies for review and comment of the cultural resource Class I and III reports of the area of potential effect by Montgomery Archaeological Consultants.

As you also know, we appreciate the Federal Highway Administration and the Utah Department of Transportation's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

xc: Laurel Glidden, Utah Department of Transportation



State of Utah

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August 9, 2007

Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

Subject: SR-12 Improvements – Escalante to Boulder, Utah
Project No. STP-0012(8)60E

Dear Mr. Kuwanwisiwma:

As you are aware, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to investigate the potential impacts of improvements made to State Route 12 (SR-12) between Escalante and Boulder, Utah. The EA will address several proposed projects within the SR-12 corridor including:

1. Obtain right-of-way where it is currently defined by RS-2477 (MP 68.9 to MP 83.1).
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As you will recall, Montgomery Archaeological Consultants (MOAC) completed a Class I existing data review of the project area in April 2005. MOAC recently completed a Class III field investigation of the area and have documented their findings in the report enclosed. A total of 16 cultural resource sites were identified, 11 of which are considered eligible to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)(see Table 1).

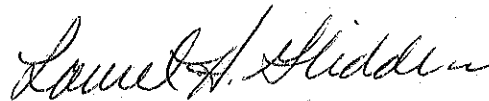
Table 1. Cultural resource sites identified

Site	Description	Eligibility
42GA5647	Prehistoric Lithic Scatter	Eligible
42GA6077	Prehistoric Temp. Camp	Eligible
42GA6078	Prehistoric Temp. Camp	Eligible
42GA6079	Prehistoric Lithic Scatter	Eligible
42GA6080	Prehistoric Lithic Scatter	Eligible
42GA6081	Prehistoric Lithic Scatter	Eligible
42GA6082	Prehistoric Rock Art	Eligible
42GA6083	Calf Creek Bridge Remnants	Not Eligible
42GA6084	Prehistoric Surface Quarry	Not Eligible
42GA6085	Prehistoric Surface Quarry	Not Eligible
42GA6086	Prehistoric Lithic Scatter	Eligible
42GA6087	Prehistoric Lithic Scatter	Eligible
42GA6088	Prehistoric Lithic Scatter	Eligible
42GA6089	Historic Power/Telephone Line	Not Eligible
42GA6090	SR-12 Road Segments and Features	Not Eligible
42GA6091	Escalante to Boulder Road Segments & Features	Eligible

Please take this opportunity to review the enclosed report and if you have any comments or concerns, please reply within 30 days of receipt, or feel free to contact me at (435) 865-5562, or lglidden@utah.gov. Be assured that UDOT maintains strict confidentiality about certain types of information regarding traditional, cultural or religious properties. The location and content of traditional resources, religious sites, or burials are confidential within the confines of federal law.

Thank you for your attention to this project.

Respectfully,



Laurel H. Glidden, NEPA/NHPA Specialist
UDOT Region 4 Environmental

Enclosure

cc: (w/o enclosure, via email)
Monte Aldridge, UDOT
Andrea Clayton, HW Lochner
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Randall Taylor, UDOT

August 9, 2007

Subject: SR-12 Improvements – Escalante to Boulder, Utah
Project No. STP-0012(8)60E

Identical letters sent to:

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August 21, 2007

Laurel H. Glidden, NEPA/NHPA Specialist
Utah Department of Transportation, Region 4 Environmental
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Re: SR 12 Improvements - Escalante to Boulder, Project No. STP-0012(8)60E

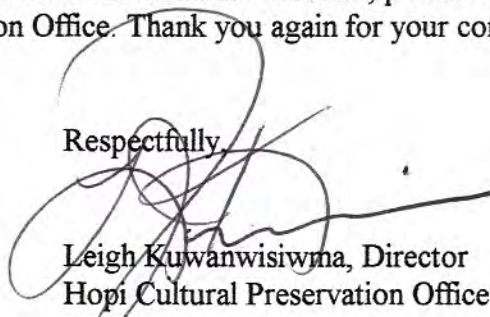
Dear Ms. Glidden,

Thank you for your correspondence dated August 9, 2007, with an enclosed cultural resources survey report, regarding the Federal Highway Administration and Utah Department of Transportation preparing an environmental assessment for improvements to State Route 12 between Escalante and Boulder. Because the Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to the Fremont and Anasazi prehistoric cultures in Utah, and Boulder House, Boulder State Park is a Traditional Cultural Property of the Hopi Tribe, we appreciate your continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties. We have reviewed the enclosed cultural resources survey report that identifies 10 prehistoric sites recommended as National Register eligible and described as 1 rock art site, 2 temporary camps, and 7 lithic scatters, and 2 prehistoric sites described as surface quarries and recommended as ineligible. If any of the identified eligible sites cannot be avoided and will be impacted by project activities, please provide us with a copy of the draft treatment plan for review and comment.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office



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October 16, 2007

Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director
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Subject: SR-12 Improvements – Escalante to Boulder, Utah
Project No. STP-0012(8)60E
Determination of Eligibility and Finding of Effects

Dear Mr. Kuwanwisiwma:

To briefly remind you, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to investigate the potential impacts of several improvements made to State Route 12 (SR-12) between Escalante and Boulder, Utah.

The UDOT has prepared a Determination of Eligibility and Finding of Effects for the subject project. Please take this opportunity to review the enclosed document, and if you have any comments or concerns, please reply within 30 days of receipt, or feel free to contact me at (435) 865-5562, or lgidden@utah.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this project.

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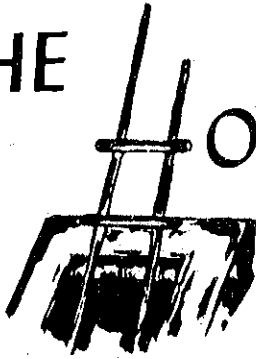
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October 25, 2007

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Utah Department of Transportation, Region 4 Environmental
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Cedar City, Utah 84720-8411

Re: Project # STP-0012(8)60E; SR 12, Escalante to Boulder, Garfield County

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The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office previously responded to correspondences on this proposal in letters dated January 30 and August 21, 2007. In our January 30th letter we stated that this area contains many Hopi archaeological ancestral sites and Traditional Cultural Properties in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Anasazi State Park. In our August 21st letter we reviewed the cultural resources survey report that identifies 10 prehistoric sites recommended as eligible and 2 sites recommended ineligible sites in this project area.

We have now reviewed the enclosed letter to that State Historic Preservation Office dated October 4, 2007, that indicates that site 42Ga5647, described as a lithic scatter, will be adversely effected by project activities. Therefore, we would like to continue to be kept informed of this proposal and provided with a copy of the proposed treatment plan for review and comment.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,


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